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The Soviet have brought fertility to a dry area by irrigation.

Thousands of workers, during the Five-Year Plans, have built the Vakhsh "Stalin" Cenal. The waters of the R. Vakhsh have been directed into canals and irrigation channels.

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The Vakhah oblast receives tractors, agricultural machines, fuel, tea, textile materials and consumer goods, and supplies astrokhan wool, wool, fruit, rose etherbearing oil, silk, horses, and above all cotton.

The main problem is population. The transferring of whole collective farms from the mountains of the Pemir has been resumed. (Some inhabitants were taken from the Garm oblast nine years ago). These transfers are being done by passenger—freight and freight aircraft. Houses and buildings are ready for the people on arrrival. State loans and credits are available for the farmers.

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The collective farmers of the valley have been given the task of proving long-fibre Zgyptian cotton.

The people are working well here and being well repaid for their efforts. One may see in each ouse good farmiture, a wireless set and books. There is a 10-year school and a cinema.

There is a zonal botanical station at Vakhah, which tests everything before the farmers plant it. The testing of the batat (the potato of land climates) has been completed; a harvest of 125 tons was obtained from one hecter. It is suitable food for man and cattle.